

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S793–S846

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2402–2414. **Page S840**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, 114th Congress, First and Second Sessions”. (S. Rept. No. 115–207) **Page S840**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 102, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. **Pages S843–44**

House Messages:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 695, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a voluntary national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, taking action of the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S794–99**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on the Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1922, to change the enactment date. **Page S794**

McConnell Amendment No. 1923 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1922), of a perfecting nature. **Page S794**

McConnell Amendment No. 1924 (to Amendment No. 1923), of a perfecting nature. **Page S794**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S798–99**

Honoring Hometown Heroes Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1892, to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty, taking action of the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 1930, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S799–S838**

McConnell Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1930), to change the enactment date. **Page S799**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on the Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1932, to change the enactment date. **Page S799**

McConnell Amendment No. 1933 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1932), of a perfecting nature. **Page S799**

McConnell Amendment No. 1934 (to Amendment No. 1933), of a perfecting nature. **Page S799**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps. **Pages S844–46**

Messages from the House: **Page S839**

Measures Referred: **Pages S839–40**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S843
Privileges of the Floor: Page S843
Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—29) Page S799
Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and recessed at 10:54 p.m., until 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S844.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul C. Ney, Jr., of Tennessee, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Corker, Kevin Fahey, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Thomas E. Ayres, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, and Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Marvin Goodfriend, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Thomas E. Workman, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Scott (Chair), Shelby, Heller, Rounds, Tillis, Kennedy, Moran, Menendez, Reed, Heitkamp, Schatz, Van Hollen, and Jones.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection: Senators Toomey (Chair), Shelby, Corker, Heller, Scott, Sasse, Cotton, Perdue, Kennedy, Warren, Reed, Tester, Warner, Donnelly, Schatz, Van Hollen, and Cortez Masto.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Heller (Chair), Shelby, Corker, Toomey, Scott, Sasse, Rounds, Tillis, Moran, Warner, Reed,

Menendez, Tester, Warren, Van Hollen, Cortez Masto, and Jones.

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Sasse (Chair), Corker, Cotton, Rounds, Perdue, Donnelly, Warner, Heitkamp, and Schatz.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Cotton (Chair), Toomey, Perdue, Tillis, Kennedy, Moran, Heitkamp, Menendez, Warren, Donnelly, and Jones.

Senators Crapo and Brown are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

U.S. ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the evolution of energy infrastructure in the United States and how lessons learned from the past can inform future opportunities, after receiving testimony from David Allen, McKinstry Company, Seattle, Washington; John Di Stasio, Large Public Power Council, Philip D. Moeller, Edison Electric Institute, and Donald F. Santa, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Kenneth B. Medlock III, Rice University James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Center for Energy Studies, Houston, Texas; and Philip Mezey, Itron, Inc., Liberty Lake, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism: Senators Risch (Chair), Rubio, Johnson, Young, Portman, Kaine, Cardin, Murphy, and Booker.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues: Senators Rubio (Chair), Johnson, Flake, Gardner, Isakson, Cardin, Udall, Shaheen, and Kaine.

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation: Senators Johnson (Chair), Risch, Barrasso, Portman, Paul, Murphy, Markey, Cardin, and Shaheen.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy: Senators Flake (Chair), Young, Barrasso, Isakson, Paul, Booker, Coons, Udall, and Merkley.

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy: Senators Gardner (Chair), Risch, Rubio, Barrasso, Isakson, Markey, Merkley, Murphy, and Kaine.

Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy: Senators Young (Chair), Flake, Gardner, Barrasso, Portman, Merkley, Udall, Coons, and Markey.